MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether in case the benefit of the Nagercoil water supply is extended, some of the surrounding villages will not be benefited? In case a reservoir is constructed, will it not be sufficient to meet the demands? Will it be possible to replenish the reservoir from the Kodayar project?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It might be possible, but there will be no water during summer.

Neyyar Dam Scheme.

201. ✻MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Neyyar Dam Scheme has been investigated?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, a preliminary investigation has been made.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether any estimate has been prepared by Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, an estimate is under preparation.

Junghar at Cheriappilli ferry in Parur.

202. ✻MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the present condition of the junghar at Cheriappilli ferry in Parur taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The boats are leaky and hence arrangements have been made to replace them.

Scarcity of water in the lands irrigated by Tovala Channel.

203 ✻MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that even before the breach in the Tovala Channel on 30-1-1945 there was scarcity of water in the lands irrigated by it?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

Drinking water supply to the rural parts.

204 ✻MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any definite post-war reconstruction scheme for the supply of protected drinking water to the rural parts of the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to item (*a*).

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: When can we expect the scheme to be ready?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It may take some time. We have not begun yet; it requires a survey.

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